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MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Statement submitted by the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: International Council of Women (category I); and Associated Country Women of the World, International Council of Jewish Women, International Federation of University Women, International Movement for Fraternal Union among Races and Peoples and World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (category II)

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is circulated in accordance with paragraphs 29 and 30 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968.

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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Deeply concerned about the many reservations to certain articles of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women referring to equality and discrimination; employment; legal equality; freedom of movement and domicile; and status in marriage; which matters stand at the heart of the problem of discrimination,

1. We request the Member States that have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to give serious consideration to the removal of existing reservations. We further request Member States that have ratified the Convention to do so without reservations;

2. Having taken note of the recommendation of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights that a meeting be held with the representatives of other human rights treaty bodies and with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women with a view to discussing appropriate approaches to the supervision of overlapping treaty obligations; we urge the Committee and the Division for the Advancement of Women to cooperate fully with this recommendation.

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